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Email from Richard S. Mannheimer, Los Angeles, CA, May 10 1996

I have a copy of a record from Germany which might be of interest. Ruben Kohen Mannheimer (b 1 Oct 1762) and his wife had 7 children. Among them were Osser Jacob and Lazarusbar. The former was born 13 Aug 1800 and the latter 9 Aug 1806.

It definitely is of interest to me for a different reason. I am deeply immersed in tracing my Mannheimer family who were born in Germany. My great great grandfather was Manche son of Seligman born we believe in Oestrich am Main circa 1765. He had two sons we am aware of: Simon son of Manche born 17 Mar 1797 and Menachem son of Manche born circa 1800, both born in Oestrich. Simon had two children we are aware of, Seligmann son of Simon (my grandfather) born in Kemel16 May 1835 and Moses son of Simon born in Kemel 6 Feb 1833.

Menachem was a Rabbi (as were my grandfather and father) who had one son we are aware of - Emanuel son of Menachem born 4 Mar 1831 in Oestrich. He married twice, initally having two sons Moritz and Gustav and later twelve children, nine of whom survived infancy. The children were born in the 1850's and 1860's.

What is the source of the record from Germany to which you refer? Does it identify the village or community where Ruben Kohen Mannheimer was born (about the same time as my gggf) and does it identify the birthplaces for Osser Jacob and Lazarusbar (born about the time of my ggf). Are the other 5 children named and dated? Do these records show dates and places of death? Did the next generation stay in Germany and where.

I'm also curious about this family having the name Mannheimer that long ago; my family did not take the name until 1841 (I believe because of Napoleon's system)

Does the record to which you refer go beyond the data quoted above? (foreshortened to focus on <osser> and <bar» I would greatly appreciate an expanded look to see if it expands my family records.

With kindest regards and thanks

Richard S. Mannheimer

Email from Fran Loeb Luebke, Brookfield, WI, May 10, 1996

Thank you for your query about the Mannheimer's. I have the complete record for this family from the Bavarian village of Schopfloch. The record is a family listing with only birth dates. The complete list is as f o l l o w s:

Ruben Kohn Mannheimer b: October 6, 1762.
wife only listed as Perl b: April 9, 1771

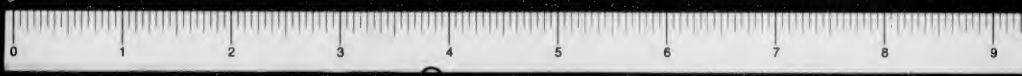
Children:
Babet b: March 13, 1794
Minet b: March 7, 1796
Ester b: February 3, 1799
Osser Jacob b: August 13, 1800
Lazarusbar b: August 9, 1806
Moritz b: August 8, 1808 (my great great grandfather)
Sara b: March 18, 1813
Lazarusbar (grandchild) b: March 13, 1815 illegitimate

This is the complete record. The records indicate that Ruben was the cantor of the congregation. Moritz became a physician and he is buried in the Jewish cemetery in Schopfloch, on his headstone are the hands of Kohen. He died in Dinkelsbuhl on May 28, 1861. By then most of his older children had emigrated to Chicago. His widow Johanna Lindenthal Mannheimer and the youngest children emigrated to Chicago after his death. Nothing is known of the other children in this family except for a family story which was recorded by one of the daughters in the 1930's. She said that Jacob Mannheimer was involved in a duel and, fearing he had killed his opponent, had fled to France where he joined the Foreign Legion. The story went on to say that he went to Egypt and was assassinated after an affair with a princess.

You can imagine my surprise in the early 1990's to get this record from Germany and find the name Jacob in the family. Previous records began with Dr. Moritz Mannheimer and only this old letter gave an inkling about other family members.

The village of Schopfloch is in Mittlefranken, Bavaria and at one time had a fairly large Jewish population, perhaps as much as 1/3 of the town. The cemetery is huge .. .far larger than the Jewish cemetery in
Worms.

I hope this is helpful to you. The old family letters indicate that the name Mannheimer was taken about the time of Napoleon but this record contradicts that assertion. My record is a photo copy out of the Jewish records. Let me know if I may be of any further assistance.



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